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County Home Rule

General

As of 1970 the following counties had home rule charters:

California: Alameda, Butte, Fresno, Los Angeles,
Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego,
San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Tehama

Colorado: Denver

Florida: Dade, Jacksonville-Duval, Volusia

Georgia: Columbus-Muscogee

Hawaii: City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, Kanai,
Maui

Louisiana: Baton Rouge-East Baton Rouge, Jefferson

Maryland: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery,
Prince George's, Wicomico

Missouri: Jackson, St. Louis

New Mexico: Los Alamos

New York: Broome, Dutchess, Erie, Herkimer, Monroe,
Nassau, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Schenectady,
Suffolk, Tompkins, Westchester

Oregon: Hood River, Lane, Multomah, Washington

Tennessee: Nashville-Davidson

Washington: King

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Home Rule in Pennsylvania

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania "home rule" power has been granted thus far only to Philadelphia, a City of the First Class, under the Constitution of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia operates under Home Rule Charter of 1951, as amended.

Act 399 of 1957, "Optional Third Class City Charter Law," (P. L. 901) gives Third Class Cities the right to change their municipal government to Mayor-Council, Council-Manager, or to retain the Commission form. This has been interpreted by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as granting home rule powers to Third Class Cities. (Greenberg v. City of Bradford, 432 Pa. 611, decided November 27, 1968). As of November 1971 the following action has been taken by various municipalities:

Cities which have changed their form of government by adopting charters: Allentown (1970); Bethlehem (1962); Bradford (1964); Easton (1972); Erie (1962); Harrisburg (1970); Lancaster (1966); Lockhaven (1972); Meadville (1968); Newcastle (1968); Oil City (1972); Sharon (1962); Titusville (1964); Wilkes-Barre (1968); Williamsport (1972); York (1962).

Cities which have elected charter commissions, but which have retained the Commission form of government: Altoona, Arnold, Butler, Carbondale, Chester, Coatesville, Connellsville, Corry, DuBois, Duquesne, Farrell, Franklin, Greensburg, Hazleton, Jeannette, Lower Burrell, McKeesport, Monessen, Monongahela, Nanticoke, New Kensington, Pittston, Pottsville, Reading, Shamokin, Sunbury, Uniontown, Washington.

Cities which now have active charter commission to consider changing their form of municipal government: Beaver Falls, Clareton, Johnstown, Lebanon.

There are presently four bills before the Legislature, each of which would give added definition and power to home rule in Pennsylvania, and which would extend home rule to counties:
House Bill No. 1444, "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law;
House Bill No. 1566, "Municipal Home Rule Charter Act;"
Senate Bill No. 751, "Optional Plans for Local Government Act,"
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